IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREPARING TISSUE SAMPLES FOR HISTOLOGICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

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3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney (__ signed __ unsigned).

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- 1. Request For filing a National Patent Application (4 pages);
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- 3. Five (5) sheets of formal drawings;
- 4. Confirmation Postcard.

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